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EXTENSION OF SECOND COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR SURINAME

UNDP assistance requested by the Government of Suriname for the period of extension January-December 1983

Illustrative IPF for 1982-1986: \$ 3.5 million

I. Justification

1. After the revolution initiated in February 1980 by the armed forces, the country has been going through a period of adjustments as far as political development and economic and social policy is concerned, and this process is continuing. It has been accompanied by a number of organizational changes within the Government and the public administration. During 1981 and 1982, discussions continued with the Government of the Netherlands for the reallocation of funds under the assistance programme, that was agreed upon at the time of independence in 1975. These discussions were of considerable importance for the UNDP country programme, since it was expected that a substantial amount of cost-sharing contributions to the programme would be forthcoming from these funds. Since by the end of 1981 no definitive decision had been taken in this particular respect, and also for reasons related to the transitional character of the entire situation, as described above, it was not feasible to prepare a new country programme for the period 1982-1986

*The second country programme for Suriname covered the period from January 1979 to December 1981 and was approved by the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session. See document DP/GC/SUR/R.2

as originally planned, and the second country programme was therefore extended through 1982. At the beginning of 1983, the situation remains essentially the same and it is therefore requested that the country programme be extended again, until the end of 1983.

II. Objectives

2. The country's development objectives, as expressed in the 1979-1981 country programme as well as in its 1982 extension, remain centered around the ultimate goals of the increase and diversification of the production so as to reduce the dependence on bauxite as the main export item and to increase employment. In addition, increasing importance is being given to the provision of a wider range of social services and benefits, for which basic organization work has been initiated.

III. Programme description

3. The projects selected for UNDP support in 1983 will focus on activities aimed at meeting the objectives of development of human resources, institutional strengthening, improvement of social well-being of the people of Suriname and the increase and diversification of foreign currency earnings. The programme will consist mainly of the two ongoing and two new projects described below.

Housing Management (SUR/81/002)

4. This project, which was initiated in mid-1982 and will continue through 1983, is assisting the Government in reviewing housing policies and programmes and in strengthening the institutions responsible for housing in order to improve their managerial and professional capabilities to implement a housing programme. The programme envisages the construction of 30,000 new residential units and the upgrading of 14,000 existing dwellings in the region of Paramaribo.

Social Security (SUR/82/003)

5. This project was approved in January 1983 and activities will be initiated in the near future. This project will assist in the preparation of social security legislation and in the design and implementation of a comprehensive social security scheme.

National Accounts (SUR/82/006)

6. The lack of a consistent, reliable and timely system of national accounts and related statistics constitutes a serious handicap for an adequate assessment of development needs in various sectors. The project will seek to strengthen the organization of the General Bureau of Statistics and improve the technical capability of staff as well as the compilation and analysis of statistical data.

Gold Mining (SUR/82/008)

7. By the early 1900s a production over 1,200 kilograms of gold was recorded in Suriname. Since then the production has declined, but several deposits are known to exist in apparent favourable conditions for economic development. Exploration has been carried out in the Brokopondo district. In view of the favourable findings, the Government has taken the necessary steps to appoint a private firm to perform the feasibility study of the Janapow deposit. The project will contribute to the strengthening of the Government's capacity for monitoring the activities of foreign companies and contractors involved in mining development, especially gold, and will assist in monitoring the feasibility study of the Janapaw gold deposit and the assessment and development of other mineral deposits.

Annex
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A.	<u>Resources</u>	\$
	<u>IPF and other resources</u>	
	(i) Illustrative IPF for 1982-1986	3 500 000
	(ii) Less unprogrammed balance <u>a/</u>	(700 000)
	(iii) Less authorized budget levels for 1982, 1984, 1985, 1986	(2 114 000)
	(iv) Previous IPF cycle balance	(254 000)
	(v) Other resources: Government cost sharing	211 000
	Total resources available for programming	<u>643 000</u>
B.	<u>Use of resources</u>	
	<u>Programmed</u>	
	(i) Ongoing projects	374 000
	(ii) New projects and new phases of ongoing projects included in the country programme	269 000
	Subtotal	<u>643 000</u>
	Total programmed	<u>643 000</u>

C. Financial distribution of programme, by sector

	<u>Sector</u> <u>b/</u>	<u>Ongoing</u> <u>projects</u> \$	<u>New</u> <u>projects</u> \$	<u>Total</u> \$
02	General development issues, policy and planning	-	102 000	102 000
03	Natural resources	-	167 000	167 000
09	Human settlements	210 000	-	210 000
14	Social conditions and equity	118 000	-	118 000
	All other sectors	46 000	-	46 000
<hr/> TOTAL		374 000	269 000	643 000 <hr/>

a/ Representing 20 per cent of the illustrative IPF which has not been taken into account for programming.

b/ According to ACC classification.
